

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
PIEDMONT CARDINAL HEALTH PLAN**

**FACT SHEET**

<b>Name of 1915(b) Waiver:</b>	<b>Piedmont Cardinal Health Plan</b>
<b>Initial Application</b>	<b>July 9, 2004</b>
<b>Date Proposal Approved:</b>	<b>October 6, 2004</b>
<b>Date of Program Implemented:</b>	<b>April 1, 2005 (anticipated)</b>
<b>Date Approval Renewed:</b>	
<b>Approved Renewal Period:</b>	
<b>Scheduled Expiration Date:</b>	<b>March 31, 2007</b>

**SUMMARY**

The Piedmont Cardinal Health Plan is a 1915b selective contracting waiver, which provides mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services (MH/DD/SA) to all age groups in Cabarrus, Davidson, Rowan, Stanley and Union Counties of North Carolina. It functions through a network of providers under contract with the Piedmont Health Plan. Piedmont Health Plan is the prepaid inpatient health plan that maintains a network of providers who serve the enrollees in this waiver. Piedmont is certified by the State as a local management entity. Under the recent mental health reform in North Carolina, local management entities have the responsibility of coordinating mental health services. Piedmont serves as a coordinator in that regard. The Piedmont Cardinal Health Plan waiver operates concurrently with a 1915c HCBS counterpart, which provides assistance and long-term support to families or individuals in their own homes or family residence. The Division of Medical Assistance within the Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for overseeing the operation and management of the waiver.

**TARGET POPULATION/ELIGIBILITY**

The waiver serves children, adults, blind and disabled, and related populations. Children in foster homes and certain populations are also included in the population served. The following population are excluded: children in Title XXI SCHIP, Medicaid beneficiaries during the period of retroactive eligibility, qualified Medicare beneficiary groups, individuals in deductible status and non-qualified aliens or those still under the five-year ban.

**NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED**

The State reports that this waiver will serve approximately 87,000 people.

**BENEFIT PACKAGE**

Enrollees receive the following services under the waiver: inpatient hospitalization (includes psychiatry), community-based Services, high risk behavioral intervention, case management, assertive community Treatment, outpatient services (includes psychiatry), CAP-MR, other mental health services, and prescription drugs.

### **COST SHARING**

There is no cost sharing in this waiver.

### **ENROLLMENT LIMIT/CAP**

There is no enrollment cap.

### **DELIVERY SYSTEM**

Services are delivered is through Piedmont Health Plan, the prepaid inpatient health plan, is responsible for the provision of all MH/SA services to the beneficiaries in the five counties. The Plan enters into contracts with providers for service to the beneficiaries in the five counties. Enrollees can choose freely within the Piedmont provider network and may change providers at will. Piedmont receives monthly capitation payments from the State and is also at risk for the MH, SA, DD, services delivered to persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities in the HCBS waiver.

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